

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 15, 1964

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, January 15, 1964. Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Dow, Ullmann and Katzakian present. None absent.

Also present: City Managers Graves, City Attorney Mullen and Planning Director Rodgers.

MINUTES Minutes of January 2, 1964 were approved as written and mailed on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Brown second.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

STORM DRAIN  
PLAN ADOPTED

Mayor Katzakian opened the public hearing on the proposed retention-recharge storm drainage plan prepared by Blair-Westfall Associates by reviewing the history of the City's storm drainage since 1955. Afterwards, Planning Director Rodgers and Mr. Robert Little presented slides depicting the City's present storm water problems and outlining the proposed ponding plan. A letter was read from the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee stating the committee had voted unanimously in favor of the proposed storm drainage system, urging its serious consideration by the Council, and asking that immediate and decisive action be taken for an early conclusion to the serious drainage problem confronting the City.

Mayor Katzakian then invited questions of those in the audience. Councilman Brown asked if the basins could be moved 400 or 500 feet, one way or the other. Director of Public Works Heckenlaible stated that precise locations of the basins were subject to revision, but it would be difficult to say how far they could be moved. City Manager Graves pointed out that each basin was designed to drain a specific area and in general the basin would be located at the low point; however, other factors would also be considered such as location near a school or a pump.

Mr. Gordon Nichols expressed concern over hazards to children playing around the basins and was informed that the basins would be fenced and that during storms they would be locked. He also asked if consideration had been given to draining most of the storm water into the Mokelumne River. Discussion showed that such a project was not feasible.

Mr. Wayne Richmond, 15 West Banbury, Stockton, representing Stone Bros., stated Stone Bros. had purchased property in the Lodi area but were unable to develop it because of lack of drainage. He said the developers and the community itself were losing because of this. Mr. Gene Walton, 1751 Corbin Court, wondered how soon the drainage project could be started once it was adopted. He was informed that it was hoped to have bonds for the project on the ballot at the general election this coming fall, but that plans for a pond at the sewage plant site are presently under way. Mr. John Capell, 324 La Vida Drive, said he had heard many comments that storm drainage was the subdividers

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problem so he had made a study of older sections of town. He gave a resume of his findings which showed that the growth of the community (shown by increases in businesses, churches and schools) had resulted in extensive paved areas. He said the resulting storm drainage problems are the concern of the entire community. Mr. Vernon Rastetter, 2217 West Lodi Avenue, wanted to know how much taxes would be increased by this program. Mr. Graves said the cost to the taxpayers would depend upon the type of financing. In answering a question put by Mr. Chuck Mueller of the "Stockton Record," Mr. Graves said that after a storm it would take three or four days for the water to drain from a basin if it were well filled. He said that most storms would result in only one or two feet of water in the basins. Mr. Walter Katnich, 919 Tara Place, said he hoped the people would accept this plan. Mr. Bob Riggle, 712 Cross Street, thought he was getting his money's worth and congratulated the City Council on having a forward plan of development. Mrs. John Masterson, 708 Howard Street, also congratulated the Council on the proposed plan. She considered the use of the basins for parks to be good and felt the cost should be shared by all citizens.

Councilman Brown said it was a real good plan. Councilman Culbertson agreed that it was a good plan with lots of possibilities, but the people should be aware that the gravity flow plan which had been rejected by the voters was better in many respects. In the first place the original plan was a positive gravity flow which did not require pumping as does the plan being considered; the present plan will cost \$800,000 more than the other plan and will also be more costly to maintain. He said he wanted to be sure that this plan was what the people wanted. Mr. Robert Houston, 824 Mariposa, said that consideration must be given to the fact that the basins would be used for parks and recreation and would also serve to recharge the underground water table. Councilman Ullmann said he was in favor of the proposed plan. He had looked over the Fresno site which impressed him favorably and he thought this was a good way to get parks. Councilman Dow said the Council had to consider if the plan is workable, if the City can afford it, and whether the people want it. He felt it was a step in the right direction. Mayor Katzakian said he felt that the original plan was more economical and feasible, but the people didn't want it. He said the Fresno experience has been good with the ponding plan and he was enthused about it. Mr. Graves pointed out there would be some disadvantage in that the work was to be staged over a 20-year period and the staging would not always make everyone happy. Councilman Dow moved that the Council adopt the retention-recharge storm drainage system plan prepared by Blair-Westfall Associates with revisions by the City's Department of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

PT&T RE  
EXTENDING  
LODI SERVICE  
AREA

RES. NO. 2690  
ADOPTED

A notice of hearing was received on the application of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for authority to establish extended service between certain of its exchanges in the Lodi area (Lodi, Lockeford, Galt and Thornton) and to withdraw message toll telephone service rates now in effect between said exchanges. The hearing is to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on February 20, 1964. Councilman Dow moved the adoption

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of Resolution 2690 expressing the City's support of the application and ordering that the resolution be read at the hearing on February 20. Councilman Culbertson said the City should not be concerned with rates. Councilman Dow then amended his motion to adopt Resolution No. 2690 expressing the City's support of the Telephone Company's proposal to have one toll service in the Lodi area, taking no stand on rates, and ordering that the resolution be read at the hearing before the Public Utilities Commission on February 20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried.

**AIRSPACE  
RESTRICTION  
NEAR TRACY**

A notice was read from the Federal Aviation Agency, Western Region, concerning a proposal submitted by the Atomic Energy Commission to the Federal Aviation Agency for designation of a restricted area near Tracy, California, to encompass hazardous operations conducted by the AEC. The AEC, through its contractor, the University of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, operates a test facility near Tracy to test fire conventional high explosives contained in metal casings. On motion of Councilman Brown the matter was held over until discussion was had at the next meeting of the Cities and County of San Joaquin Association.

**COUNTY  
GENERAL PLAN**

A copy of the General Plan for the County of San Joaquin was received from the San Joaquin County Planning Commission.

**JAIL  
INSPECTION  
REPORT**

A copy of a report was read from Dr. Jack Williams, District Health Officer, to the State Attorney General stating that an inspection had been made of the Lodi jail and it had been found to comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety Code.

**CVD, LCC  
MEETING**

Notice of the next meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities was read. The meeting is to be held in Stockton on January 23, 1964.

**REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CLAIMS**

Claims in the amount of \$39,181.64 were approved on motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second.

**SCHOOL TV**

Plans for the routing of television cable between George Washington and Leroy Nichols Schools were presented for Council consideration. To date the schools have obtained written permission to string the wire from all the property owners involved except two who have given their verbal consent. Mr. Jim Maynard of the Wizard Engineering Company explained the route to the Council. The plans incorporate the use of PG&E poles and City poles and avoid street frontages where possible. Mr. Glenn Bryson of the City staff has gone over and is in agreement with the general plan. Councilman Dow moved that the route for the Lodi Elementary School District TV cable between George Washington School and Leroy Nichols School be approved as presented subject to execution of an agreement including the following: The School District will provide installation of the cable by qualified engineers and in conformance with General Order No. 95 of the Public Utilities Commission; the School District will repair, without charge, any lines or equipment that are damaged by the regular maintenance work of City crews; the School District will adhere to all regulations of the Federal Communications Commission;

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and the School District will carry liability insurance to cover cases of liability which might arise. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried unanimously.

SPECS -  
LIBRARY AIR  
CONDITIONING

Plans and specifications for the air conditioning of the Lodi Public Library were approved and call for bids authorized on motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second, recommendation therefor having been made by the Library Board of Trustees.

R/W DEED  
SW COR HAM  
& LOCKEFORD

A deed was presented from Roy K. Miura et al for right of way along Lockeford Street and Ham Lane at the southwest corner of that intersection, with the understanding that the City will pay for any relocation of lights, and curb, gutter, sidewalk and street work that may be required in connection with future street widening. The deed was accepted with the conditions specified on motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second.

SPECS - RADIOS

Specifications for eight radio units for the Fire Department were approved and calling for bids authorized on motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second.

SPECS -  
LAKE PARK  
CONCESSION

On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Dow second, specifications for the concession at Lodi Lake Park were approved and calling for bids authorized.

COUNTY  
SEAT

Mayor Katzakian mentioned that the County Board of Supervisors had designated the City of Lodi as the County Seat in the event of a disaster in the Stockton area.

CHICKENS

The Mayor then said that he has been getting complaints concerning chickens in the city limits and he suggested that the Planning Commission be instructed to make a study of the present regulations on fowl. Councilman Culbertson moved that the matter be tabled. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried with Mayor Katzakian voting no.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Beatrice Garibaldi*

Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI  
City Clerk